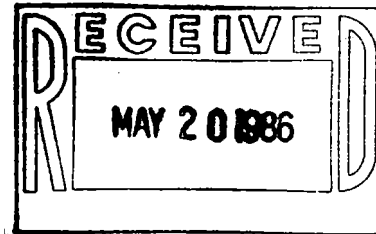


May 14, 1986

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Gregory A. Roscoe
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 3254
Reston, Virginia 22090



Re: Cannons Engineering Corporation

Dear Mr. Roscoe:

This is in response to EPA's letter of March 28, 1986 to Edwin L. Stenzel, President, BASF Corporation Chemicals Division. To the extent that BASF Corporation is determined to be a "responsible party" under CERCLA with respect to any of the sites identified in EPA's letter, it will voluntarily participate in appropriate clean-up activities and would be prepared to negotiate a resolution of its liabilities. In furtherance of this purpose, BASF Corporation would be willing to join with other "potentially responsible parties" to form a single representative body to negotiate with the Agency.

Since receipt of the EPA letter, BASF Corporation has been conducting a diligent investigation to determine its involvement, if any, with the parties identified in Attachment A to such letter. Due to the time period involved (1974 through the present), BASF has had substantial difficulty locating all relevant records and employees who might have relevant information. BASF will require an additional two to three weeks to conclude its investigation and will provide EPA with a complete response to the Section 104(e) Request by no later than June 4, 1986.

Further communications or any questions with respect to the above should be directed to the undersigned at the following address and phone number:



David P. Schneider
BASF Corporation
9 Campus Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
Phone number: (201) 263-3967

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David P. Schneider", followed by a horizontal flourish line.

David P. Schneider
Attorney

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